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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

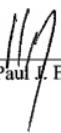
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Chinese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. CN 1434958, dated August 6, 2003, together with English-language Abstract of corresponding WO 0161646; and
2. International Patent Publication No. WO 03/094227 A1, dated November 13, 2003, together with English-language Abstract.

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The references were cited in an Official Action dated March 21, 2008 received from the Chinese Patent Office. A copy of the Official Action together with a translation of the Official Action is enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). Please note that the other reference cited, namely, JP 8-162996A was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated June 19, 2006. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of the Official Action in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the Official Action submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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